National Disaster Response Fund

†2104. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to deal with the devastation caused by the natural calamities promptly, Government has decided to set up a National Disaster Response Fund of 100 crore rupees;

(b) if so, for which natural calamities, States will be provided economic assistance out of this fund;

(c) whether in the event of flood and drought also, the States will be provided fund under this fund; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Government have approved on 26th November, 2007 the constitution of National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) with an initial corpus of Rs. 100 crore to be placed at the disposal of the National Executive Committee constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

The constitution of the National Disaster Response Fund is as per the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 which is to be applied towards meeting the expenses from emergency response, relief and rehabilitation in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Central Government in consultation with the National Disaster Management Authority.

As per Disaster Management Act, 2005, disaster has been given a broad definition and it includes all natural/man made calamities. Therefore National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) can be utilized for emergency response, relief and rehabilitation measures in the event of floods and drought also.

Studies regarding participants of Goa Liberation Movement

2105. SHRI VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any studies regarding the participants of Goa Liberation Movement;

(b) if so, the details including the reasons in details for restricting the communication F.No. 8/10/900-FF(P) dated 17.02.2003 to Chief Secretaries of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Goa, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, category-wise;

(c) the source of information to establish that above communication is not applicable to Kerala;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to grant above pension to all the eligible participants from States like Kerala; and

(e) if not, the details of reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (e) No, Sir. It may, however, be mentioned that the Goa Liberation Movement, which is one of the movements recognised for the purpose of pension, had three phases. The freedom fighters, who participated in Phases I and III of this Movement

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.